

INDOT 2030 Plan Update Early Coordination Meeting Notes

Region III-A Meeting at Fort Wayne District Office, June 23, 2004 11:20 AM - 12:15 PM

In Attendance: *John Leckie, Fort Wayne District Development Engineer*
David Gee, Region III-A, Transportation Planner
Steve Smith, INDOT Central Office, Planning Manager
Roy Nunnally, INDOT, Central Office, Planning

David Gee was able to attend portions of the Fort Wayne district meeting that occurred 9:00 AM and overran into the start of this meeting. Steve Smith explained the meeting's purpose and expected outcome. The meeting essentially followed David's response letter to Steve Smith's April 9th letter instructing the RPO to: evaluate the current INDOT plan major expansion projects and provide input relative to project priority changes or changes in scope; list any needs relative to new projects; and list planning issues the RPO faces that should be addressed in the INDOT 2030 plan update.

PROJECT EVALUATION DISCUSSIONS

1. Huntington Bypass - The District notes that Huntington County approached INDOT relative to bypass around the town of Huntington. The District notes that the district feels the project is a viable project for the 2016-2020 timeframe. The District notes it has asked that Huntington be the lead agency for this proposed project until better consensus is formed between the county and city. The District notes there's no need to add this project to the INDOT 2030 plan update at this time until additional justification for this project is submitted. The District notes that corridor is an urban collector with various issues such as intersection problems. The District has programmed an intersection improvement in which the town is against. The District also notes the town wants a bypass or request that the facility be realigned. Region III-A agreed that Huntington needs to take ownership of this project.

Comment: *The INDOT planning section will continue to monitor this proposed project and evaluate the project to be included in the INDOT 2030 Plan once justification for the proposed project is documented and submitted to the district.*

2. Angola Bypass Study – Region III-A notes that the Ohio Turnpike (Toll Facility) deemed as the “freebee booth” could be closing which in itself may create an Angola Bypass. The community has contracted with Region III-A to perform truck counts to evaluate truck trips through Angola. Region III-A notes the concept is to conduct this count every three years. Region III-A notes that Angola residents just want to get rid of trucks through the town area, but would like to keep SR 20 for economic and tourism reasons. The District notes there's an eccentric need for this proposed alternative. The District notes that an alignment south of Angola is recommended. The District also notes that if the bypass is constructed, SR 827 should be relinquished.

Comment: *The INDOT planning will contact the Toll Road District to gather information relative to the Ohio Turnpike facility.*

3. SR 9 from US 20 in LaGrange to Michigan Street– INDOT currently list a project for this segment in our LRP as TSM project # 520, with an RFC Date 2012. Region III-A notes that a left-turn is needed at the SR 9/US 20 intersection. Region III-A notes that mobile home manufacturing/distribution traffic is heavy for this area and constructing a left-turn lane would improve operation at the intersection.

Comment: *The TSM project was originally a HERS recommended added travel lanes improvement, however due to ROW constraints, the project was listed as a TSM project. The updated 2030 HERS output does not identify deficiencies on SR 9 from US 20 to Michigan Street. The corridor shows LOS “C” in our 2030 build network. If ROW is not an issue, the TSM project could be reclassified as a Median Construction project or could be handed over to the district for intersection improvements.*

PLANNING ISSUES

- The Planning Section that Region III-A work closely with the Fort Wayne MPO relative to the MPO’s development of county plans in rural areas such as DeKalb, Wells, and Adams counties. These county plans are done very well and would serve as good examples for Region III-A to follow.

OTHER ISSUES

- None